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**PAYMENT PROCESSING CENTER OWNERS CHARGED
IN ILLEGAL MONEY LAUNDERING CONSPIRACY**

PHILADELPHIA - Donald Hellinger, Ronald Hellinger, Michael Weisberg, Randy Trost, Jami Pearlman, and Michele Quigley were charged today by indictment¹ with running an illegal gambling operation, announced United States Attorney Zane D. Memeger. The indictment charges that between January 2005 and February 2006, as owners and operators of Payment Processing Center, Inc. ("PPC"), the defendants funneled tens of millions of dollars from foreign internet gambling business to bettors and others in the United States.

The defendants are each charged with conspiracy, operating an illegal money transmission business, operating an illegal gambling business, transmission of wagers and wagering information, and international money laundering.

According to the indictment, PPC received approximately \$44 million from foreign bank accounts, which was deposited into bank accounts that PPC controlled. PPC would then distribute the funds to bettors in the United States. It is further alleged that the defendants concealed the nature and source of the gambling payments by, among other things, breaking up payments to bettors into amounts of less than \$5,000, to avoid reporting requirements, and by assuring that no checks or other correspondence with the internet gambling companies and bettors mentioned gambling. The defendants operated PPC as a money transmission business even though it did not have a license from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and was not registered with the United States Department of the Treasury, both of which were required by law. The defendants further promoted a gambling businesses by, among other things, paying advertising expenses in the United States of foreign-based internet gambling companies.

PPC's headquarters were at 1262 Wood Lane, Langhorne, PA, and later 121 Friends Lane, Newtown, PA.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

¹An Indictment or Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

NAME	ADDRESS	YEAR OF BIRTH
Donald M. Hellinger	New York, NY	1956
Ronald Hellinger	Feasterville, PA	1956
Michael Weisberg	Newtown, PA	1953
Randy D. Trost	Newtown, PA	1954
Jami M. Pearlman	Ivyland, PA	1967
Michele O'Keefe Quigley	Egg Harbor, NJ	1952

If convicted, each defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of 91 years in prison and a fine of up to \$4.25 million.

The case was investigated by agents the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigations Division, and the United States Postal Inspection Service. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Joel M. Sweet.

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